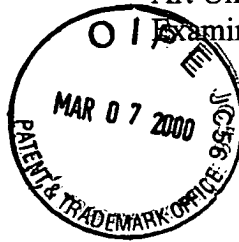


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Keith Kretz  
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Examiner: P. Tung



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to examination of the above-identified application. This Amendment accompanies a response to the Notice To Comply With Sequence Rules mailed February 8, 2000.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the substitute Sequence Listing herewith. Please insert said Sequence Listing following the Abstract on page 35 and before the Drawings. Please insert the Sequence Listing beginning with page 1 and numbering consecutively thereafter.

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 15, line 8, after "CCCATT", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:3)--.

On page 15, line 9, after "CGGTAT", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

On page 32, line 7, after "CCCATT", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:3)--.

On page 32, line 8, after "CGGTAT", please insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **February 24, 2000**, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Jennifer H. Payne

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jennifer H. Payne", written over a horizontal line.